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COMPETITION FROM CHINESE PLASTIC EXPORTERS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Plastic Exporters are facing stiff competition from China in the wake of rupee appreciation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide more sops to the plastic industry to compete with all the countries in the world market;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) & (b) Irrespective of rupee appreciation, Indian plastic exporters have been facing stiff competition from China mainly in plastic consumer items and other plastic processed articles. The percentage of Chinese imports of plastics to India have shown an upward trend.

(c) to (e) Indian plastic industry is also provided benefit of financial assistance under Market Access Initiative and Market Development Assistance schemes for promotion of exports along with neutralization of taxes and duties as per provision of Foreign Trade Policy.